

Docket No. 1140-2
09/375,605

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant herewith petitions for a 3 month extension of time to reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.136. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0661 the amount of \$475.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3).

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114

Applicant hereby requests Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for the instant application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0661 the amount of \$385.00 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(e).

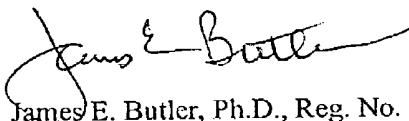
If Applicant has made an error in calculating any of the amounts due, the Commissioner is herewith authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment that may occur during the pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-0661.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections set forth in the Office action of August 12, 2004. Further, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims presently under consideration are in a condition for allowance and requests issuance of a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

Should the Examiner have any remaining questions regarding the subject invention or its patentability, Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned to answer such questions or provide additional information.

Respectfully submitted,



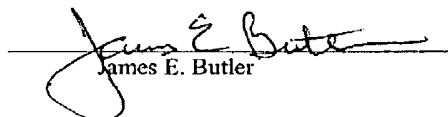
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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that the above RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in the application of Jay M Short, Serial No. 09/375,605, filed August 17, 1999, is being submitted to the Commissioner for Patents by facsimile transmission to telephone number (703) 872-9306 on this 11th day of February, 2004.


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